

on the Hospital Ship USNS *Comfort*, T-AH-20, during Desert Shield/Desert Storm as member of the Surgical Directorate. There she cared for hundreds of reservists that sustained orthopaedic injuries. For her final assignment, she was assigned as the Administrative Department Head at the TRICARE Mid-Atlantic, Lead Agent Office Norfolk, VA.

In every assignment, First Class Petty Officer Williams met the challenge, and was rewarded with greater responsibilities and opportunities. Her talent for teaching and mentoring junior personnel about the delivery of quality patient care, customer service, and administrative attention to detail was instrumental in providing Navy Medicine, the fine cadre of hospital corpsman serving today. She is a hospital corpsman and leader who always put the welfare of her staff and patients first. Petty Officer William's performance reflects greatly on herself, the United States Navy, and our country. I extend my deepest appreciation to Hospital Corpsman First Class Petty Officer Frederica Monique Williams for her 20 years of dedicated military service and wish her and her family all the best in the years to follow. I am glad to hear that she expects to be returning to Selma. Our State will greatly benefit from her return.●

CONGRATULATIONS TO MR. LEON OWENS

● Mr. BUNNING. Mr. President, I pay tribute and congratulate Mr. Leon Owens of Paducah, KY, on his dedication and leadership as president of Local 5-550 of Paper, Allied-Industrial, Chemical and Energy, PACE, Workers International at the Paducah Gaseous Diffusion Plant during the past 2 years.

Mr. Owens works at the Paducah Gaseous Diffusion Plant in Paducah, KY, where he has demonstrated his caring and leadership for years. He was chosen by the more than 500 union members who work at that plant to be their voice. During his tenure as president, Mr. Owens fought for his fellow workers and led them through an important, but difficult, 5-month strike in 2003. His leadership on this issue helped to protect the jobs and interests of the people of Paducah.

Aside from this highly publicized event, Mr. Owens worked tirelessly on plant cleanup, worker health and economic development issues. He shared his expertise and time with me and my colleagues in Congress, testifying most recently at the Energy Committee field hearing in Paducah in December and at a hearing here in November.

Mr. Owens also serves on the Advisory Board on Radiation and Worker Health which advises the Secretary of Health and Human Services on the implementation of NIOSH's responsibilities under the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act. This important and complicated issue is just another example

of Mr. Owens's dedication to the workers in Paducah.

The working people of Kentucky are fortunate to have had the leadership of Mr. Owens. His example of dedication, hard work and compassion should be an inspiration to all throughout the Commonwealth.

Thank you, Leon, for your leadership during a difficult period of history for the Paducah Plant. You have shown fortitude and compassion and I have sincere appreciation for your work. I wish you and your family the best.●

THE STATE BANK OF LINCOLN CELEBRATES 100 YEARS OF SERVICE

● Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, as the Senate convenes for its first session of the new year, I would like to call attention to a milestone reached 4 days ago by a financial institution with a long history in Lincoln, IL: the State Bank of Lincoln.

On Friday, January 16, 2004, the State Bank of Lincoln celebrated the completion of 100 years of financial service to the community of Lincoln and the people of Logan County. The bank first opened its doors for business on January 16, 1904, and it has operated as an independent bank ever since.

When the bank began to serve the people of Lincoln, it had \$50,000 in starting capital. By the end of its first year, the bank's assets had nearly doubled to \$93,000. That growth has continued through the years. Today, the bank has total assets in excess of \$170 million, serves the community in four locations, and has received an A+ rating from the Weiss Rating Service.

The State Bank of Lincoln has more than \$140 million in local deposits, and has provided more than \$100 million in loans to businesses, farmers, and other individuals, to help them achieve their goals and dreams. The bank also has invested in the bonds of local school districts, colleges, and public entities.

As the State Bank of Lincoln passes this important milestone in its history, I would like to extend my congratulations to all who have helped this financial institution serve the community for so many years, along with my best wishes for another 100 years of committed service to the people of Lincoln and Logan County.●

HONORING SPRING LAKE HEIGHTS, NJ MAYOR FRANK ADAMS

● Mr. LAUTENBERG. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to Frank Adams who has served the Borough of Spring Lake Heights, NJ, for the past 32 years. Mayor Adams served as councilman with distinction for 12 years and has spent the last 20 years as the borough's mayor.

Besides admirably serving Spring Lake Heights for more than 30 years, Frank served as a member of the United States Naval Reserves and was called to active duty during the Korean War.

Mayor Adams is about to retire and he leaves behind an enviable legacy of public service to the community he loves, including accomplishments such as the construction of Ocean Road Park, the construction of the current Borough Hall, and the installation of the borough sewer system.

I ask my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to Mayor Frank Adams, a man who has led by example, worked tirelessly for the benefit of all the residents of Spring Lake Heights, and will leave office having made an indelible mark on the borough.●

NOTICE: REGISTRATION OF MASS MAILINGS

The filing date for 2003 fourth quarter mass mailings is Monday, January 26, 2004. If your office did no mass mailings during this period, please submit a form that states "none."

Mass mailing registrations, or negative reports, should be submitted to the Senate Office of Public Records, 232 Hart Building, Washington, DC 20510-7116.

The Public Records office will be open from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on the filing date to accept these filings. For further information, please contact the Public Records office at (202) 224-0322.

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Ms. Evans, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

REPORT ON THE STATE OF THE UNION DELIVERED TO A JOINT SESSION OF CONGRESS ON JANUARY 20, 2004—PM 59

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, together with an accompanying report; which was ordered to lie on the table:

To the Congress of the United States:

Mr. Speaker, Vice President Cheney, Members of Congress, distinguished guests, and fellow citizens:

America this evening is a Nation called to great responsibilities. And we are rising to meet them.

As we gather tonight, hundreds of thousands of American service men and women are deployed across the world in the war on terror. By bringing hope to the oppressed, and delivering justice